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SUBJECT: ROK/GOS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED

MID-APRIL

REF: KHARTOUM 0520 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S RECENT STATEMENT ANNOUNCING INTENTION ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA (KHARTOUM 1057), HE HAS NOW RPT NOW INSTRUCTED ACTING FONMIN DENG VISIT SEOUL SOONEST IN ORDER CONCLUDE RELEVANT DETAILS AND MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. DENG AND WIFE ACCORDINGLY LEAVING KHARTOUM APRIL 7 EVEN THOUGH FONMIN KHALID WILL CONTINUE BE ABSENT UNTIL MID-APRIL. DENG TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 5 HE WOULD BE IN SOUTH KOREA APRIL 12-17 AND CONFIRMED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL BE MAKE THERE BY HIM AND HIS ROK COUNTERPART.

2. COINCIDENTALLY, ROK CONGEN KIM TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT PROPOSED 20-MILLION DOLLAR GUEST HOUSE PROJECT KHARTOUM STILL NOT SIGNED SINCE DRAFT CONTRACT CALLS
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FOR GOS TO MAKE 4-MILLION DOWNPAYMENT TO KOREAN FIRM. SUDANESE HAVE TOLD KOREANS THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY AND KOREAN FIRM IS NOW PURSUING THIS QUESTION WITH ROK AUTHORITIES IN SEOUL.

3. COMMENT: THERE EVIDENTLY CONTINUES BE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GUEST HOUSE PROJECT AND ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC

RELATIONS. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF ROK WERE TO
BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT 4-MILLION DOWNPAYMENT
NOW THAT SUDAN IS EVIDENTLY COMMITTED TO
ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC TIES. NIMEIRI'S
SENSE OF URGENCY MAY ALSO REFLECT DESIRE ON HIS PART
INGRATiate HIMSELF FURTHER WITH SAUDIS IN ATTEMPT
OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID FROM THAT QUARTER. BREWER

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